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AND MUCOSAL IRRITATION

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 21, 2009, Applicants request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicants submit herewith a Petition to extend time for a period of one month up to and including April 21, 2010, along with the required fee. Applicants believe no other fees are due. However, if any additional fee is required in connection with this communication, or if any overpayment has been made, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-4377.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.